

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment of April 29, 2002 is acknowledged. It is noted that claim 16 is amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) The invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13-15, 17-21 and 24-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP6-60935.

In regard to claim 1, JP6-60935 discloses an apparatus comprising a rear plate (A) of a tray (10), with a first rear hole (C); a first fastener (27) mounted in the first rear hole (C); a first spring (25) mounted on the first fastener (27); a mounting plate (21a) attached to a connector (3), wherein the mounting plate (21a) is mounted on the first fastener (27) and the first spring (25) (see Attachment 1).

In regard to claims 2 and 10, JP6-60935 discloses the apparatus wherein the diameter of the first fastener (27) is smaller than the diameter of the first rear hole (C) such that the first fastener (27) floats within the first rear hole (C) (see figure 6).

In regard to claim 6, JP6-60935 discloses the apparatus wherein the first spring (25) is a coil spring (see figure 1).

In regard to claim 7, JP6-60935 discloses the apparatus wherein the first spring (25) is coaxial with the first fastener (27) (see figure 1).